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## INDIA.

*Report from Calcutta—Fumigation of vessels for American ports.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon E. K. Sprague reports, January 14, as follows:

On January 8 permission was accorded to me by the government of Bengal to superintend the fumigation of vessels bound for American ports for the purpose of destroying vermin. Rat guards are now in use and four vessels have been fumigated to date.

In this connection I will add that the port commissioners are endeavoring to reduce the number of rats in the dock sheds by means of traps. No report has yet been issued giving results, as the work has just begun. I am informed that the reports will be furnished me when issued.

The sheds along Kidderpore docks, at which thus far all vessels bound for American ports have lain, unless buoyed in the stream, have stone floors and no grain or rice is stored in them. There is very little indication of the presence of rats in these sheds, and the attitude of the government is such that I think the number will be kept at the minimum.

*Report for week ended January 9, 1904.*

During the week ended January 9, 1904, bills of health were issued as follows:

Date.	Vessel.	Where bound.	European sailors.	Lascars.
Jan. 6	British Monarch .....	Philadelphia .	25	4
7	Queen Christina .....	New York ....	30	.....
9	Lichtenfels .....	do .....	24	41

The effects and clothing of the 45 Lascars were disinfected.

## ITALY.

*Reports from Naples—Inspection of vessels—Plague in Mauritius—Sleeping sickness—Russian emigrant line—Oysters and enteric fever.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Eager reports, January 18 and 25, as follows: During the week ended January 16, 1904, the following ships were inspected at Naples and Palermo:

## NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.	Number of steerage passengers recommended for rejection.
Jan. 12	Massilia .....	New York .....	108	8	157	4
13	Nord America .....	do .....	494	60	615	14
14	Prinz Adalbert .....	do .....	204	50	423	5
15	Sicania .....	do .....	.....	.....	.....	.....

## PALERMO.

Jan. 14	Nord America.....	New York .....	184	50	250	42
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